



**CITY OF SOUTH BEND**  
**PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR**  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

May 21, 2013

Dr. Susan Hedman  
EPA Region 5 Administrator  
Great Lakes National Program Office  
77 W. Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Dear Dr. Hedman:

On behalf of the residents of the City of South Bend, Indiana, I respectfully write in regard to the proposed placement of "Beck's Lake" on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List. It is our understanding that placement on this list guides the EPA in determining if a site warrants additional investigation as part of the EPA's Superfund environmental program.

While the City appreciates the EPA's enhanced role with further analysis and cleanup of this site in the long-term, I speak for local residents, businesses, and officials when I ask for increased community involvement, education, and engagement on this issue.

I would like to invite the EPA officials associated with the study of this site to South Bend for a public community meeting and public input sessions. We want to ensure that the health and public safety of our residents is protected and that local concerns are being answered and addressed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. My office can be contacted anytime at 574-235-9261.

Sincerely,

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor  
City of South Bend

CC: South Bend Common Council  
Phil St. Clair, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation  
Eric Horvath, Director of Public Works  
St. Joseph County Health Department  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly  
U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Walorski